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AF Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, ON AUGUST 25, 2008.

/LISA JOHNSON/

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2008, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3; and

Remarks, beginning on page 6.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.